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Local Police Officer Enjoys Work in the Job He Wanted

by Gerald Gottesman

This is one Greenbelt police officer who originally wanted to be a genetic engineer.

"Or maybe something else in the field of biology. Until I took chemistry class. Then I thought about my future. I realized that I'm not the type to sit at a desk or in a lab for 40 hours a week."

Today Private First Class David Buerger is nonetheless advancing society's life and health. As the 27-year-old officer who single-handedly brought the widely acclaimed DARE anti-drug abuse program to Prince Georges County, Buerger has received much praise and attention.

Buerger discovered the program at an auto-theft conference in Baltimore — from seeing it advertised on a bumper-sticker. "Before that I had always wanted to touch the schools to educate kids about the dangers of drugs." Buerger sent away for more information on the Los Angeles-based program, and was then trained to teach it by the Virginia Deprtment of Education and the Virginia State Police.

Buerger began the program in Greenbelt in 1987; today the county has seven full-time DARE instructors, and Governor William Donald Schaefer has announced that DARE has been adopted state-wide. Buerger is now helping Maryland develop its own training program—and, starting in June 1990, he'll be teaching other officers how to bring DARE into their local schools.

Buerger grew up in Montgomery County, in Rockville. After attending Rockville High School, he went to the University of Maryland. When Buerger realized he didn't want to continue studying biology and chemistry, he turned his attention elsewhere. "I took Law Enforcement 100. Law enforcement seemed exciting to me. I wanted to do something I really enjoyed, something that was never the same thing twice. There are always challenges in police work."

Far before finishing his graduation requirements, Buerger applied to the Greenbelt police force and was hired. He attended the Baltimore County Police Academy until March 1986, and began his duties as a regular foot- and car-patrolman But then boredom and disillusionment set in.

"As a patrol officer you very rarely get to see the good side of people—you're always citing or arresting people. If you're not doing that, you're interviewing victims of crimes."

The Job He Wanted

Buerger took over the job of a retiring officer: Public Information Officer. This turned out to be the job he wanted. "There are a hell of a lot of good people in Greenbelt. I felt that community relations would be a complete turnaround for me." In addition to his DARE activities, Buerger's regular jobs include talking to area groups, students and newspapers, and typing weekly activity reports.

"My present job is much more rewarding, especially with the drug program. I used to make arrests, but would never see any great reversal in behavior. It's a cycle, with the same constant criminal elements; arrests don't turn them around. There's a high rate of recidivism with the criminal justice system as it is now; jails are too crowded to hold the criminals."

"It's hard to arrest the same people so many times and see them treated lightly in court. In DARE I see changes in attitudes in kids that I would never see on patrol with criminals."

Buerger clearly values DARE most among his responsibilities. He feels honestly and strongly about preventing drug abuse among the young. "Drug users are in and out of rehab centers. The only way to stop the problem is to stop them before they become users. Once they're committed to drugs, you can't change their attitude."

"I used to smoke cigarettes," admits Buerger. "But I realized I was doing damage to myself, so I stopped. No juveniles should even start with cigarettes or alcohol; they're too easily abused. I saw marijuana a lot in high school. My friends were the type that didn't use them so we left when drugs were around."

Having started a family also affects Buerger. He's been married to his wife Heidi for five years, and he says "having a four-year-old daughter, Heather, is one of my strongest motivators. I do as much as I can to educate the elementary school students, because my daughter will be in kindergarten next year."

"No One Answer"

Buerger realizes that "there's no one answer for the 'war on drugs.' We should go full force with educational programs like DARE. We should start creating the space and putting people in jail, and we should also get serious about rehabilitation. DARE's

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HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Because of the Christmas Holiday, Monday, December 25, 1989, there will be NO refuse collected that day. Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday and Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICK UP THAT WEEK. Thursday and Friday will be on regular schedule.

Ice Skating Policy For Geenbelt Lake

On a limited basis, Greenbelt Lake is available for ice skating when the air temperatures create the proper thickness and condition of the ice according with recognized standards for ice skating. In order to provide a wholesome safe activity, the city has developed certain guidelines that should be followed.

Walking or skating on the ice at Greenbelt Lake is prohibited unless official city Skating at Your Own Risk signs are posted. Skating at your own risk may be designated at some areas where the ice is safe. In other areas of the lake, skating may be prohibited and will be so marked by signs or warning devices.

During the winter months, persons interested in ascertaining the conditions of the ice on the lake should call the Greenbelt Recreation Department, 474-6878. It is impossible to continually test the thickness of the ice over all areas of the lake, so skating will always be at the risk of the participant.

Recommended areas for skating are the shore lines and the bay around the peninsula. Skating around the dam and the spillway should be avoided as open water is usually found in these areas. Skaters should also avoid gathering in groups on the ice. Due to the scarcity of firewood and danger from brush fires, no bonfires will be allowed on the shoreline or in the "Buddy" Attick Park except those provided by the city.

All skaters and parents should keep in mind the dangers involved in ice sports. A person who falls through the ice is in danger of drowning and freezing if he is not cared for immediately.

Newspaper Closed Monday

The *News Review* office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25. The office will be open Tuesday, Dec. 26 from 8 to 10.

Copy to be left in the *News Review* box at the Co-op should be deposited by 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The same schedule will be repeated the week of January 1.

Cable TV Moves Channel Adds Service for the Deaf

MultiVision Cable TV has announced the launch of The Silent Network (TSN) beginning January 1. This service will be available to hearing impaired subscribers who receive basic cable television service in northern Prince Georges County. TSN will appear every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, on Channel B-16.

Also on January 1, ESPN will move from A-32 to A-3, The Learning Channel will move to A-32, WNUV-54 will move to B-14, and the PGCC channel will move to B-25.

Sunrise Reviewed

Council's Wording in 1985 Sets up 1989 Flyer Fight

by Elaine Skolnik

A post-election controversy has been heating up over two campaign flyers distributed only in Greenbelt East just days before the November 7 city council election. Both flyers dealt with the Sunrise Apartment development proposed for the 9.9-acre tract at the end of Hanover Drive between the Holiday Inn and the Beltway. The flyers referred to two city council meetings held in 1985 and two letters, one sent in 1985 and one in 1986. Candidate Ruth Kastner circulated her flyer on or about Thursday, November 2. An answering flyer by incumbent candidates Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and councilmembers Antoinette Bram and Edward Putens was then distributed on Sunday, November 5. A post-election flyer was circulated by Kastner soon after the election and a group took a full page ad in the News Review.

To help our readers understand the conflict and make their own judgments, the News Review *has researched and prepared a review of the Sunrise issue which developed over an 11-month period in 1985. During this time about 12 articles by staff reporters were published in the* News Review *on the Sunrise issue. More than two dozen references to the subject appeared as well in official minutes of city council regular meetings and worksessions and in the exchange of letters between city council and the county executive. The following account has been compiled from those minutes, letters and articles.*

The saga of the Sunrise Apartments has spanned decades. Since the mid-1960s the 9.9-acre tract has been zoned R-10, a category that permits high-rise apartments of up to 48 units an acre. All zoning decisions are made by the county, which has exclusive authority in such matters. The county law requiring that new developments meet the adequate public facilities test for roads, water and sewers was not enacted until 1970. Because the Sunrise tract had already been subdivided before the law took effect, the proposed development was "grandfathered" and could not be required to pass the adequate facilities test. Nor was the blessing of the Greenbelt city council required for the developer to start construction.

Nevertheless, Greenbelt city councils have kept a watchful eye on the tract even though the land was not annexed into the city until November 1984. Prior to 1984 the property changed hands several times and intermittently signs emerged of possible development activity. On the drawing boards over the years were plans for highrise apartments, always looked on with disfavor by successive councils. In fact, from 1965 to 1969 the city continued to battle a proposed area Master Plan that recommended predominately highrise development in the Greenbelt East area, much of which was then outside the city's boundaries.

City councils and residents have consistently pressed for more single-family, owner-occupied homes. Greenbelt, they stressed, already had a disproportionate number of apartments. They argued also that acute traffic problems in the Greenbelt East area needed resolution before development should move forward. These two themes formed a common thread throughout the fabric of the Sunrise saga.

County Bond Proposal

Soon after the Sunrise tract was annexed into the city in late 1984, the city council expressed dismay over the county executive's intention to provide tax-exempt Industrial Development Bonds to finance and facilitate the construction of the Sunrise Apartments as a luxury development. On January 28, 1985 council unanimously voted to oppose both the apartments and the revenue bonds. Sitting on council at the time were Gil Weidenfeld, Richard Pilski, Thomas White, Edward Putens and Antoinette Bram.

In a February 1, 1985 protest letter to the county executive, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said: "The Council questions the appropriateness of the county assisting this project when there are recognized traffic problems in the Greenbelt area that have not been resolved and when there already exists a very large stock of rental apartments in the county, and particularly in Greenbelt." The letter further noted that because the proposed 478-unit Sunrise project could "move forward without any review of the adequacy of public facilities," the approval and development of Maryland Trade Center III could be delayed (Coakley & Williams, Inc., developers of the Maryland Trade Center properties, agreed to sign covenants with the city in 1981 when they sought annexation, tying actual construction on their property to the completion of road improvements. Council's concern was that if the Sunrise development were given the green light, there would not be adequate road capacity for the MTC III office building.)

At the many meetings held in the early summer of 1985, Sunrise developer James McCaig and county representatives tried to persuade council to change their minds and support the tax-exempt bonds. Council's response at the July 8 work session was that what's good for the county isn't necessarily good for Greenbelt. Their hope was that without the bonds, the Sunrise Apartments would not be constructed. However, McCaig said the project would move ahead with or without the bonds. Unfortunately, without tax-exempt bonds he said, there would be fewer amenities, the highrise would have no advanced energy-efficient systems and no security system would be installed. Nevertheless, at a regular meeting on July 15, city council again withheld their support for the bonds. This position was reiterated at a council

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To the Editor:

The late Fiorello LaGuardia, engaging in self-criticism once remarked: "When I make a mistake, it is a beaut!!" The same goes for me. In discussing the controversy over statements made by candidates on the Sunrise Apartment development, I fear that I rushed to judgment. After carefully going over all the data, it was clear that the council majority had several times voted "no" to the industrial revenue bond issue proposal, a bond issue which would include the Sunrise Apartment development. Subsequently, the council majority voted to "not oppose" the Sunrise development or the bond issue.

These were not secret votes. The action was on the public record, and the reasons for changing to non-opposition were also quite clear. The council majority responded to strong requests from the Greenbelt East Associations as well as the County Executive. At no point did the council vote to lobby for the proposition, but asserted its abstention in return for certain commitments by the County Executive. Many of these promises have been fulfilled and Greenbelt citizens have gained much, especially in connection with open space for parkland.

Ms. Kastner's position was that the road issue (one of the commitments) was not resolved, this being a prime priority in her mind. In not recognizing the quid pro quo between the city and the county executive the matter became, in my opinion, blurred. The council majority should have carefully spelled out the reasons for their action. Council's position must be considered "in context" for the context is a vital part of the legislative history.

I am sorry this mea culpa seems so long-winded. I "jumped to my own confusion" so to say.

Still, personal abuse should not be part of our local politics. Let us hope this matter will not fester. We have to work together.

Albert K. Herling

"SANTAS" TO DELIVER

The Postal Service delivers Express Mail items 365 days a year, even on holidays, according to Greenbelt Postmaster Franklin D. Ford. And this year, delivery employees in the area have volunteered to don Santa suits in an effort to bring extra cheer to those receiving Express Mail items on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

While not every city in the country will have "Santas" delivering packages, mailers can rest easy knowing their present is under the Christmas tree if they use the Express Mail service, adds Ford.

A Winter Wonder

To the Editor:

On December 8 and 9 the Committee to Save the Green Belt held a holiday woods gathering on the 72-acre former school board property. On December 8, it was truly a winter wonder forest land amidst the heavy downfall of snow on a cold misty night. On Saturday night the woods were splattered with even more "points of light," and while a snowman got lit, others were sipping hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows beneath a full moon. Throughout this feeling of holiday spirit there was a common thread among all, and that's to keep it wooded!

Yoni Siegel

Transportation Funds Impact Greenbelt

November 21 saw the signing into law of the Transportation Appropriations Bill. The bill includes a number of provisions of significance to Greenbelt which are the result of the combined efforts of Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski and Congressman Hoyer.

The appropriations include the sum of $85 million to continue construction of Metro, part of which will help fund the Green Line from Fort Totten to Greenbelt. Additional monies are earmarked for programs proposed by Sen. Mikulski to help make travel on interstate highways, including the Capital Beltway, safer by increasing inspection funding and educating the public to improve safety on roads heavily used by trucks.

The bill also includes $8.2 million for the purchase of 10 additional coaches for the Maryland Rail Commuter Service (MARC). The provision of the extra rolling stock will increase the frequency of peak service, reduce overcrowding and permit off-peak service.

GHI NOTES

GHI offices will be closed at noon on Friday, December 22 for the annual employees Christmas party. Offices will also be closed on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25. For emergency maintenance those days please call 474-6011.

Newspaper Recycling Center

Because of the Christmas and New Year's Holiday, newspapers will NOT be collected from city refuse customers for two weeks. Those residents wishing to do so may bundle or bag their papers and bring them to the city's recycling center located at "Buddy" Attick Park near the parking lot.



Schwarten - Evans

Mr. and Mrs. Hans H. Schwarten of Cordova, MD have announced the engagement of their daughter Linda Clark, to John P. Evans III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Evans Jr. of Bethesda, MD.

Miss Schwarten is the Director of Community Relations at Springhill Lake Apartments and is a 15 year resident of Greenbelt. Mr. Evans is the Communications Officer for Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C.

A June wedding is planned, and the couple will make their home in Greenbelt.

—photo by Mark Gregory Studios

CITY NOTES

Crews were busy with snow removal, equipment preparation and repair.

The streets crew cleaned storm drains. The special details crew repaired signs that had fallen during the snow storm.

The city's horticulturist crew worked with Davey Tree to trim dead limbs from tall trees around the city.

The leaf collection program was curtailed due to the snow storms. Special trash is current.

County Adopts Tree Preservation Scheme

County Executive Parris Glendening congratulated county lawmakers on their adoption of three bills designed to encourage conservation of woodlands while encouraging quality growth. Glendening remarked that, "The loss of trees in our county alone has reached over 81,000 acres. It is essential that we immediately stop these losses."

The legislation will require builders to submit and obtain approval of tree conservation plans prior to the issuance of grading or building permits. It establishes requirements for the preservation and protection of trees and woodlands with state, local, or national significance. The policy would also establish procedures to manage the necessary clearing of woodlands to promote habitat protection and the maintenance of healthy vegetation. In addition standards would be implemented to safeguard ecological and aesthetic values. Further, the policy provides incentives to encourage conservation but it also calls for mitigation fees of up to $1.20 per square foot if a builder removes trees or forest cover without an approved tree conservation plan.

Under the new law all land parcels 40,000 square feet or larger, with wooded areas of 10,000 square feet or greater, must comply with the woodland conservation requirements. Wooded 100-year floodplains, wooded nontidal wetlands, and wooded stream corridors will have priority for consideration as preservation areas.

Volunteers Needed

The Prince Georges County chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking people willing to share their time by volunteering in their own home. Volunteers are needed to act as a link to distant military personnel when there is a serious illness or death that requires the military person to return home on emergency leave.

This coverage is needed on weekends, holidays, and after the chapter's regular office hours. Three hours a week would help tremendously. There is a short training session, and Red Cross staff is always available for back-up assistance.

Anyone can become a volunteer, including disabled or homebound persons as well as military personnel. Volunteers are usually not required to make long distance calls, but will be promptly reimbursed for them.

If anyone has questions or would like to volunteer, please call 559-8500, X15 or 16.

Piano Recognition Offered To 9th-12th Grade Students

For the 11th year, the Maryland State Music Teachers Association, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Education, is offering the High School Piano Examinations. Both public and nonpublic students who are residents of Maryland and study piano on a regular basis during the school year of 1989-90 can apply. Passing students will be awarded a certificate of achievement at their school and a report of the examination will be placed in their permanent record folder. Ten minutes of memorized playing time is required from three different periods of literature. Music can be from early intermediate to advanced levels.

Write to Mrs. Ann Matteson, 5204 Paducah Road, College Park, Md. 20740 for applications and information now so that students and teachers can be working toward this goal.

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting, held on December 4, 1989, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1989-2 (Resolution Number 711), and the following title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1987 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1989 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT) TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT (SET FORTH IN MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND, STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, 1983 EDITION, AS AMENDED), BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 58A OF SAID CHARTER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BORROW MONEY AND INCUR INDEBTEDNESS, FROM TIME TO TIME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE GREENBELT HISTORIC DISTRICT AS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, SUCH PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED FOR USE AS PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND/OR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC GREENBELT; PROVIDING THAT SUCH INDEBTEDNESS MAY BE SECURED BY A MORTGAGE, DEED OF TRUST, OR OTHER SECURITY INSTRUMENT CREATING A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED; PROVIDING THAT THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THE SECTION NEW 58A SHALL BE ADDITIONAL; AND SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE BORROWING POWERS GRANTED TO THE CITY ELSEWHERE IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY AND BY GENERAL LAW; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 55 SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO OBLIGATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE NEW SECTION 58A; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTY.

The above titled Charter amendments shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 23rd day of January, 1990, unless on or before the 13th day of January, 1990 there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the regular election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution 1989-2 is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager

Recreation Review

Holiday Hours

Hours will be extended at both the Youth Center and SHL Rec Center during the holidays as follows:

Saturday, December 23 9 a.m.-10 p.m.. Sunday, December 24 1-6 p.m.; Monday, December 25 noon-6 p.m.; Tuesday, December 26-Saturday, December 30 noon-10 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 1-6 p.m. and Monday, January 1 noon-10 p.m.

Weight Lifting Club Members

All weight lifting memberships expire December 31. Anyone wishing to use the facilities next year must buy a new membership card.

Facility Entrance Pass

All participants, 16 years of age and over, entering the Recreation Centers must possess a Rec Dept. photo I. D. These cards may be purchased for a nominal fee at the Youth Center. Proof of current residency must be provided at the time of purchase. Only residents of Greenbelt may purchase a pass.

ROAD RUNNERS HOST 10 AND 20 MILE RACES

On Saturday, December 23 at 10 a.m. the annual D.C. Road Runners 10- and 20-mile running races will be held in Greenbelt. A Fun Run of 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) will start 10 minutes later. The 20-mile run has been held in Greenbelt for over 25 years. The longer races will start at Braden Field, proceed up Northway, left on Crescent, right on Research through the gates to BARC, right on Beaver Dam to turnaround at Soil Conservation, continue past Research for about a mile, then return via Research to the start for 10 miles.

Laura DeWald, the recent women's winner of the Marine Corps Marathon, set the U.S. women's record for 20 miles here in 1982 of 2:00:39. Last year's winners were: Robbie Raisbeck, 10-mile 54:27 and Ben Beach, 20-mile in 1:58:15. First Greenbelters were: Dan Rincon in 10-mile and Dave Chitwood in 20-mile. Runners may sign up at the Youth Center one hour before the race.

TAX BREAK THAT WASN'T

State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein said some publications aimed at federal retirees are incorrectly suggesting that federal retirees may be eligible for refunds of Maryland income taxes as a result of a U.S. Supreme Court decision handed down March 28, 1989.

"Refund claims based on the **Davis vs. Michigan Department of Treasury** case will be denied because Maryland law does not discriminate between federal and state or local pensions," he said.

The issue in the United States Supreme Court decision involved a Michigan income tax law which exempted state retirement benefits while taxing retired federal workers' benefits. There is no such exemption in Maryland law. The Length of Service Award Program benefits which are exempt from Maryland state income tax pertain only to fire and rescue personnel who receive payments from counties or municipalities based on their years of service as volunteers.

Surplus Food Program Rescheduled Once Again

Due to delivery problems, Prince Georges County has again postponed its surplus food program. (It had been scheduled for December 20 and 21). The county apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused. Tentative dates for the food distribution have been set for January 24 and 25.

People should call the city offices, 474-8052, if they have additional questions.

Museum Holiday Closings

The Greenbelt Museum will be closed on Christmas Eve and News Year's Eve. It will open again for visitors on Sundays beginning January 7, 1990 from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment by calling 474-1936.

The museum is eligible to benefit from the Fantle's Good Neighbor Fund. People are asked to save receipts from Fantle's and give them to any FOGM board member or bring them to the Greenbelt Museum.

Blood Drive at Hospital

Here's a New Year's resolution that may save someone's life—make a commitment to give blood by participating in Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital's blood drive on January 9, 1990. Sponsored by the Red Cross, the blood drive will take place between 2 and 6 p.m. in the hospital's J. Russell Jones Room. Walk-ins are welcome but if time is limited, please schedule an appointment by calling the Volunteer Services Department at 497-7950 and every effort will be made to accommodate. Give the gift of life this holiday season . . . give blood!

Widowed Support Group

Patuxent Widowed Persons Service will begin a new peer support/discussion group on Thursday, January 25, in Riverdale. It will meet once a week for six weeks from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussions, sharing, and self help. The group is open to men and women of all ages who are widowed under 18 months. There is no fee. Call 735-0838 for more information

Holiday Greetings

Since the Middle Ages, the evergreens have been symbolic of life and hope in the midst of winter and darkness. Much later, the evergreens of the solstice festival became symbolic of enduring faith and everlasting life.

In early Greenbelt, Mary Clare Bonham won the City Council's flag design contest with a symbolic drawing of a lone pine tree surrounded by a border of green. To Mary Clare, the tree represented the cooperative spirit of the new community while the green borders represented the green trees and green space that were the green belt. Trees and greenery - real and symbolic - have always been valued by our residents, perhaps now more than ever.

As we "gather our greens", and prepare for the holiday season, let us remember all the things we have accomplished together in 1989, and reaffirm our common goal: working together so that Greenbelt will continue to be a special place. We - the elected officials, employees and volunteer members of the city government - wish all of you a happy, safe holiday.

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Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering held part one (of two) of a CARES/Red Cross babysitting course for Girl Ccout Troup #1411, on December 13. Four young scouts braved the weather and participated in the course that covered: responsibilities, safety, specific job tasks and fees. The students were automatically enrolled in CARES' Job Bank.

Paul Fischetti facilitated a Human Services Coalition Quarterly meeting in Largo. Speakers included Joanne Bell, vice-chairperson of the Prince Georges County Council, and Beatrice Rodgers, executive director of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

Wendy Wexler attended the annual conference of the Maryland Foster Care Review Boar The theme this year was "A Child's Place is in the Home," and workshops were focused on what special efforts could be made to do preventive work and keep families together.

Wendy also participated with the County Review Boards Selection Committee. Ten applicants were interviewed for openings on the six review boards in the county.

In keeping with all the recent foster care activities. Wendy has learned that there are presently over 750 children in foster care in Prince Georges County with less than half that many licensed foster homes. There is a special need for homes willing to take adolescents or black infants. The City of Greenbelt has five licensed homes. Foster parents receive training, support and a monthly stipend from the Department of Social Services. Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent should call Carmel Jordan at 341-6720.

Carol Leventhal attended a state wide symposium in Columbia on the reorganization of children's services in Maryland. The meeting was sponsored by the Maryland Conference of Social Concern, the Mental Health Association of Maryland, and Advocates for Children and Youth. Among the speakers were Nancy Grasmick Ph.D., Special Secretary, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families and Stuart Silver, M.D., Director, Mental Hygiene Administration. Under Dr. Grasmick's direction, state officials are trying to redesign the state's services to children to make them less restrictive and more cost effective.

An average of 18 families a week participated in regularly scheduled counseling during November. Thirty-six individuals were involved, 37% of them children and youths under 18. Weekly tutoring sessions in reading, math and English were provided to 33 students.

Mediation Services

The Prince Georges County Human Relations Commission, in conjunction with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, is offering free mediation services to County residents. Family feuds, property neglect, malicious damage, littering, blocked driveways and small claims matters are among the typical problems addressed by the Human Relations Commission's Community Mediation service.

The Human Relations Commission's mediation teams have flexible hours and are available at convenient locations. For information, contact the County Human Relations Committee.

Christmas Eve Services To Be Held at Holy Cross

Special services over the Christmas week-end will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The community is invited to attend.

Two services will be held Christmas Eve. The "family" service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Children of the Sunday school will present their program "To You Is Born" at this service. A reception for the children and their parents will follow the service.

The traditional candle-lighting service will be held at 10 p.m. Preservice music will begin at 9:40 p.m. for the benefit of those who arrive early. In addition to the candle-lighting ceremony, the congregation will join the choir in singing many favorite Christmas carols and hymns. Special music throughout the service will be provided by the adult choir.

PET Course at Holy Cross

A P. E. T. (Parent Effectiveness Training) course will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Friday nights at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, beginning January 19. The course teaches parents how to listen so that children will talk, talk so that children will listen, and resolve conflicts so that everyone wins. P.E.T. skills are neither permissive nor autocratic, but rather democratic and fair.

Joan von Endt, the instructor, has a master's degree in social work from Howard University, teaches various classes in effectiveness training, and has a private psychotherapy practice. Her teaching methods include short lectures, demonstrations, role playing, small group discussions and workbook exercises. Each participant receives a workbook and textbook. There is a course fee.

For a brochure on the course or more information, call 345-5111. The church is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road.

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Our Neighbors

by Dorrie Bates 345-5961

Skip and Dawn Hughes of 73 Ridge are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Heather. She was born October 23 at Holy Cross Hospital and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Congratulations to grandmother Mrs. Sheila Nester of Hanover Parkway and great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Starnes of 58 Crescent.

Michael and Alexa Kiefner of 2 Gardenway announce the birth of their first child. Kelley Michael arrived Dec. 18 and weighed in at 9 lbs., 8 oz. Proud grandparents Dorothy and Bob Lauber and Uncle Cole live at 9 Ridge.

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January 1

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MASS

5 p.m.

Pot Luck Super Following

all are welcome

Bring a dish & beverage

108 Ridge Road

447-7280 for info

January 14 Sunday

MASS

with Nigerians of the Ibo tribe

10 AM - Municipal Center

Art Contest Entries Sought

Entries are being sought for the Sovran Bank/Maryland eleventh annual Student Art Contest. The contest's ten winners will each receive a $3,000 scholarship for continuing education.

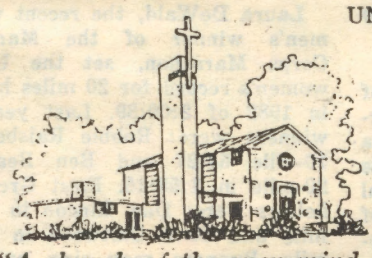
All local public and private school 12th graders are eligible. Entries may be any art medium, including sculpture, but excluding photography. One entry per school will be accepted. Interested students may obtain entry blanks and complete rules from their art department chairman or art teacher. Entry blanks must be postmarked by January 19, 1990.

Red Cross Honors Goddard Employee

The Prince Georges County Chapter of the American Red Cross has awarded Otero V. Tinker of Millersville with the Red Cross Certificate of Merit for saving the life of a Goddard Space Flight Center co-worker.

Tinker, trained in Red Cross CPR and first aid, performed abdominal thrusts on a choking co-worker on December 15, 1988. By using the first aid for choking techniques, Tinker was able to clear her co-worker's obstructed airway which permitted normal breathing and saved a life.

Greenbelt Community Church



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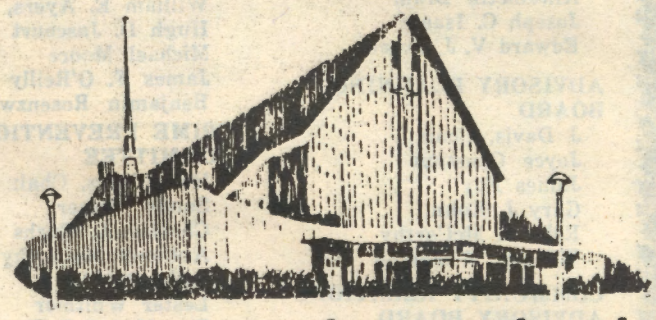
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Crescent & Greenhill Roads



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt Road

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:30 p.m. The Family Service

The Sunday School children will present "To You Is Born." A reception for the children and their parents will follow the service.

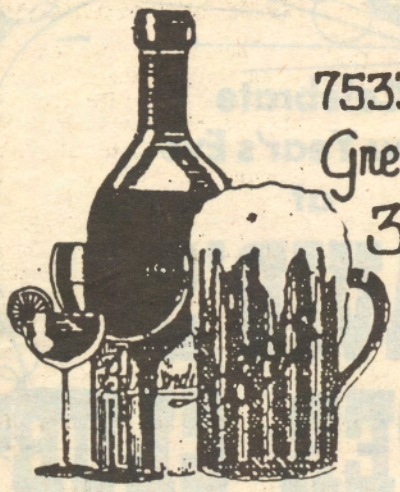
10:00 p.m. The traditional Candle-lighting Service

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

11:00 a.m. The Festival Service celebrating the Nativity of Jesus.

For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the church office.

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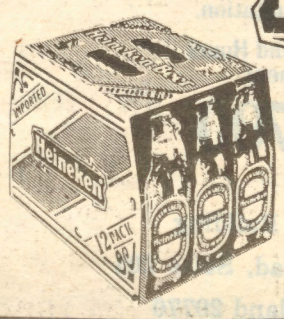
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Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

On December 10, a resident in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace reported that someone threw a beer bottle through her window.

Also on December 10, a resident in the 7200 block of South Ora Court reported that someone entered his unlocked residence, went upstairs to his bedroom, and then fled when the resident awoke. The person left in a gray Dodge Ram pickup truck, Virginia tags IUW221. Although no property was stolen, investigation is continuing.

Another attempted burglary was reported on December 13 by a resident in the 9 Court of Hillside Road. There were no signs of forced entry, and no property was stolen.

Also on December 13, someone tried to use two counterfeit twenty dollar bills at Fantles Drug Store in Greenway Shopping Center. When the cashier noticed that the bills were counterfeit, the person fled. He was described as a dark-skinned male, 27 years old, 5'11", 180 lbs., black hair, wearing blue jeans and a tan waist-length coat. The United States Secret Service will investigate the situation.

On December 13, when Officer Thomas Moreland stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Kenilworth Avenue, near Old Calvert Road, he noticed something that looked like a weapon lying next to the driver. A search of the vehicle revealed suspected crack cocaine, brass knuckles, and a loaded .32 caliber handgun. Both the driver and his passenger were arrested and charged with distribution of crack cocaine and possession of a handgun. Both were nonresidents. They appeared before a District Court Commissioner; one was held on $50,000 bond and the other was held on "no bond" pending trial.

Vehicles: Thefts, Recoveries

A 1986 Toyota Camry reported stolen on December 3 from the 8000 block of Mandan Road was recovered by the Prince Georges County Police on December 8 in Fairmont Heights. A juvenile was arrested in connection with the theft.

While on patrol December 11, Pfc. Carl Schinner recovered a 1983 Toyota Camry in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. The abandoned vehicle had been reported stolen from Suitland.

On December 13, a North Carolina man reported the theft of his 1965 red Chevrolet Corvette, North Carolina tags DREAMVET, from the parking lot of the Greenbelt Marriott.

On December 14, these four thefts occurred: (1) A resident reported the theft of her light blue 1986 Mazda RX7 from the 100 block of Westway. The car was later discovered destroyed by fire in Howard County. (2) A New Jersey resident reported the theft of his silver 1986 Pontiac Fiero, New Jersey tags AXW63U, from the 7200 block of Hanover Parkway. (3) A Virginia resident reported that when she left her car to go to the money mover at the Equitable Bank in Beltway Plaza a black man entered her car, which was unlocked and running, and drove away in it, westbound on Greenbelt Road. The man is described as 30 years old 6'0", and wearing dark clothing. (4) A Takoma Park resident reported the theft of her light blue 1989 Subaru XT, Maryland tags XDJ268, from Beltway Plaza.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: 7800 block of Mandan Road, 6200 block of Springhill Drive, 8300 block of Canning Terrace, 3 Court Research Road, 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, 7200 block of Morrison Drive, and 7500 and 7800 block of Greenbrook Drive.

Hoyer Announces Transit Funding

The House has appropriated $12 million for reconstruction of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, $85 million to guarantee the on-time opening of the Greenbelt Green Line Metro subway, and another $99.2 million in other transportation needs, according to Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

"These funds will ensure that Maryland's transportation infrastructure continues to be improved," Rep. Hoyer said. "I am particularly pleased that we obtained $12 million to ensure that improvements in the B-W Parkway are completed, and will ensure that the Green Line opens on time."

Hoyer worked closely with Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski (D) and Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) to obtain the funding.

Other projects include $12 million for the B-W Parkway; $6 million for the light rail line between Baltimore County and BWI Airport; $8.2 million for MARC commuter service; $55 million for the Baltimore Metro and $30 million in discretionary highway funding for the state of Maryland.

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- DESIGNATE A DRIVER OR CALL A CAB
- TAKE CAR KEYS AWAY FROM THE DRIVER WHO HAS BEEN DRINKING AND IS ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE.

Sunrise Chronology

(Continued from page one)
work session on July 22.

During the month of July 1985, indications from representatives of the county executive suggested that the county was "actively working to try to address any current and potential traffic problems." According to Fern Piret of the county executive's office, Parris Glendening favored both the Sunrise and Maryland Trade Center III projects as the type of developments needed in the county. She noted also that Glendening recognized the city's opposition to the apartments.

A Plan for an Understanding

During this period council was specifically addressing the issue of county-city relations and came up with a plan for an understanding with the county executive including timetables for completion of planned road improvements in Greenbelt East, routine progress reports, funding for reconstruction of the Baltimore - Washington Parkway and a commitment from the county not to offer special inducements to developers in Greenbelt East, such as revenue bonds, without the city's approval.

To placate an angry council and to try to gain support for the Sunrise tax-exempt bonds, the county executive offered a six-point program for coordinating development in the city.

The plan presented to the city on July 31, 1985, would commit the county (1) to adhere to a specified schedule for road construction; (2) to advance funding for improvements to the Greenbelt Road bridge over the Baltimore - Washington Parkway if federal funds were delayed; (3) to provide quarterly updates on progress on road improvements; (4) to a promise not to extend "special inducements" to any future developer in Greenbelt East without consulting with the city "until road improvements are in place;" (5) to increase funding for park development (Schrom Hills Park); and (6) to transfer half of the 72-acre school surplus land (located between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property) to the city for use as parkland, with the other half proposed for expensive single-family homes.

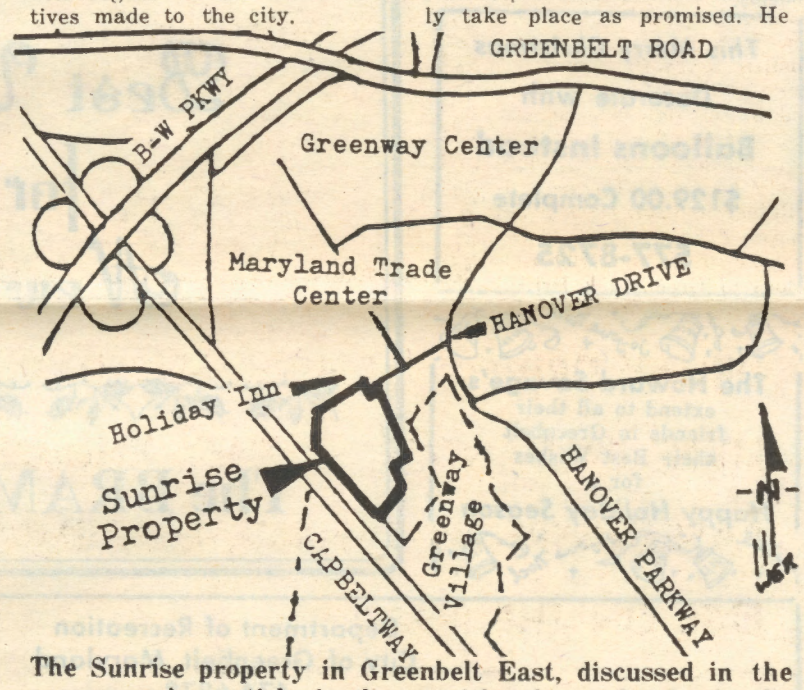
At a public hearing on August 14, 1985, Piret said that the plan submitted by the county executive was not "contingent" on the position the city would take on the Sunrise tax-exempt bonds. Nevertheless, the county executive's offer became a major factor in a complicated decision-making process. Council had other considerations to factor in as it worked out policy: (1) McCaig's statements that the Sunrise development would be built with or without the bonds; (2) the situation that the Sunrise tract had already been zoned and subdivided in the 1960s with no subsequent possibility for the adequate public facilities test for roads to be required; and (3) the possibility that the start of construction for MTC III would have to be delayed if Sunrise were constructed first. (Council often described Coakley and Williams' relations with the city as amicable and cooperative over the years.)

The preponderance of opinions expressed to council at the public hearing were in opposition to use of bond financing for Sunrise.

Greenbelt East's Wishes

In its deliberations, council also considered the Greenbelt East communities' recommendation that council "withdraw its opposition to tax-exempt bond financing of the project, provided that the county satisfies" certain conditions. The Greenbelt East Ad Hoc Committee, Greenbriar Community Association, Hunting Ridge Condominium Association and Windsor Green Homeowners' Association concluded that Sunrise Apartments "was likely to be constructed." With the bonds, they said, the development would be of higher quality. Conditions they specified included a commitment from the county for a firm schedule for "public facilities" construction, for funds for development and maintenance of Schrom Hills Park, and for all "surplused or to-be-surplused school property" to be given to the city.

Throughout September and October 1985 the issues of the Sunrise Apartments revenue bonds and MTC III office building occupied city council and staff at regular meetings and work sessions. There were also numerous communications between the county executive and city council. Council wanted assurances from Glendening that he had the authority to "deliver the goods" with regard to the recent iniatives made to the city.



The Sunrise property in Greenbelt East, discussed in the accompanying article, is shown with a heavy border in the above map.

In his October 21, 1985 letter, Glendening expressed his strong commitments to carry out the initiatives promised in areas where he had jurisdiction. He said it was his intention to adhere to timetables previously given to the city on road improvements "except where circumstances are beyond our control or the actions of the city should require delay. . . . There was a limit," he said, to which the county can provide money for improvements to state and federal roads (for example, the rehabilitation of Greenbelt Road bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway).

In the letter Glendening reconfirmed commitments that the city had asked for, including his promise to submit to the county council a resolution declaring surplus the entire 72-acre surplus school tract with the intention to transfer the parcel.

In an October 23 letter, Glendening enclosed a resolution which, if adopted by county council, would "authorize the county to issue its mortgage revenue bonds in the amount not to exceed $36 million for the construction of the Sunrise Apartments project." A public hearing before the county council was scheduled for November 26.

Council Decides

Finally, after almost a year of discussion, city council was faced with making a decision on the Sunrise Apartment revenue bonds at their November 4, 1985 meeting. Citing "problems that arose when it was learned that revenue bond financing was being considered for construction of Sunrise Apartments, a project which council did not consider desirable," Mayor Gil Weidenfeld noted that it was likely that the development would move forward with or without the bonds, and that the Greenbelt East communities had asked council to withdraw its opposition to the use of the revenue bonds to ensure a higher quality development. According to the official minutes, Mayor Weidenfeld suggested a motion be made to grant a waiver of the covenants for Coakley & Williams MTC III and the addition to the Holiday Inn, and that the city take no position on the Sunrise Apartments.

Council member Joseph Isaacs (elected in September 1985) made the motion with council member Edward Putens offering a second to the motion. A lengthy discussion followed with council member Thomas White arguing that, by waiving the covenants for MTC III, council would lose all leverage to assure that the road improvements would actually take place as promised. He remained unconvinced about the county executive's assurances that the schedule could be met, in particular for the Greenbelt Road bridge.

Council member Antoinette Bram said she was against the construction of additional apartments in the city, but opposing the Sunrise project or the use of revenue bonds for the project would result in a lower quality project. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote with Weidenfeld, Bram, Putens and Isaacs voting "for" and White voting "against."

Flyers Stem from Motion

This motion, to grant a waiver to the covenants for Coakley & Williams MTC Building III and the addition to Holiday Inn and for the city to take no position on the Sunrise Apartments, became the centerpiece in the 1989 pre- and post-election flyer controversy, particularly that portion of the motion reading . . . "for the city to take no position on the Sunrise Apartments."

In her pre-election flyer, Kastner charged that some incumbents who were expressing opposition to the Sunrise Apartment development during the election campaign were on the same council back in 1985 that voted "not to oppose the Sunrise Apartments." She added that in a May 14, 1986 letter from the city to the county executive this position was reiterated.

In their pre-election response flyer, Weidenfeld, Bram and Putens said that the council in January 1985 voted to oppose both the Sunrise Apartments and the county tax-exempt bonds to finance the project. They also said that on November 4, 1985 council "adopts (the Greenbelt East communities') recommendation to take no position on the . . . bonds **only**, but continues to **oppose** the Sunrise Apartments project." They charged Kastner with distributing "misleading information" and having "misrepresented City Council's official position" on the Sunrise Apartments.

This led to Kastner's post-election flyer charging that her "integrity" had been "impugned."

The Intent of Council

At issue is council's intent in adopting the motion. While the minutes say council agreed to "take no position on Sunrise," two other accounts of the November 4 meeting clearly stated that the issue was the bond financing, rather than the project itself.

The position of council was stated to Prince Georges County Council Chairman William P. Amonett in a letter of November 7, 1985, which read, "At its meeting of November 4, 1985, the City Council adopted a motion which took no position as to the authorization of revenue bonds or other obligations by the Housing Authority or Prince Georges County. Therefore, the City will not be making a presentation at the public hearing."

In the November 7, 1985 issue of the **News Review**, the lead paragraph of reporter Bob Hickman's account of the November 4 meeting read:

"The third tower of the Maryland Trade Center and expansion of the Holiday Inn were given a green light by the city council at its November 4 regular meeting. Council also agreed to take no position on the use of tax-free revenue bonds financing for the Sunrise Village apartment project."

Sunrise to the Present

The Prince Georges County Council approved the tax-exempt revenue bonds for the Sunrise Apartments. County Councilman Richard Castaldi voted against the legislation. Construction of the high-rise apartments did not start as anticipated. The developers explained that it was not economically feasible to proceed following the tax code changes made by Congress in the 1986 tax reform act.

In 1987 the developers decided to explore possibilities for an office complex which would require rezoning of the property to the commercial office zone (C-O). While sympathetic city council considered the project too massive and were concerned about traffic impact. The developers reduced the density of the proposed commercial office development but council wanted a further reduction..

In 1989 the developers negotiated a contingency contract with Trammel Crowe, a national residential development firm, which proposed a 470-unit mid-rise apartment complex. City Council, the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee and Castaldi opposed the project on the basis of excessive density. Trammell Crowe decided to pull out.

Recently a site plan for the 467-unit Sunrise high-rise apartments was approved by the Prince Georges Planning Board. The developers have also applied for a permit to install a foundation footing in the tract to protect their R-10 apartment zoning rights. The Adopted Master Plan for Langley Park, College Park and Greenbelt designates the Sunrise property zoning as R-10/C-O.

County Council Approves Adequate Facilities Bill

The Prince Georges County Council on November 28 voted eight to one (Councilman Floyd E. Wilson, Jr. opposed) to approve CB-100, a measure designed "to assure that roads and other public facilities are adequate before development is permitted in a given area."

Basically CB-100 provides that 100% of the cost of road construction required for a new development must be allocated before any preliminary subdivision plat approval is given by the County Planning Board. For county and state roads 100% of construction funds must be allocated within the first six years of their respective current budgets. (Council rejected the bill's stiffer requirement that 100% of construction funds be allocated within the first four years of the current county Capital Improvement Plan and within the first five years of the current State Consolidated Transportation Program for state roads.)

CITY NOTES

The Parks Crew built picnic table shelters along Greenbelt Lake.

The general crew poured new curbs and gutters and worked on the driveway to the new police facility.

The building crew completed the electrical work on parking lot lights at the Municipal Building.

The special details crew installed the donated sculpture at the new police facility.

The roadside crew collected leaves, but was unable to reach all posted areas due to the shortened holiday week.

The parks crew constructed a retaining wall at the corner of Crescent and Ridge Roads and also constructed a bus shelter at the same location. They installed a Greenbelt Police Facility sign at the entrance to the new police facility.

Special trash is current.

LIVING HISTORY CONCERT AT PUBLICK PLAYHOUSE

Pianist Dennis Kobray will present a living history concert on the life of composer Ludwig von Beethoven at the Publick Playhouse on Saturday, January 6 at 11 a.m.

Kobray dresses in elaborate period costume, performing selected pieces on the piano interspersed with details of Beethoven's life and historical context. Orchestral recordings and slides provide further illustration of Beethoven's life.

For additional information or reservations, please call the Playhouse Box Office at 277-1710 (Voice/TDD). There is a fee.

BUERGER

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working—as opposed to politicians' plan. They want to be tough on offenders, but say 'no jails in my town.'"

Buerger is not afraid to assess the problems in his own backyard, "Prince Georges County and Greenbelt already have cause for great concern. It's hit already, but a lot of people don't believe it," he says. However, he is also quick to kill misconceptions in the community. "A lot of people think that Maryland students are the problem. That's not true. We get the usual complaints about loud parties and stereos, but for the most part students are out and about more. They tend to see problems and call the police more. The most serious and violent crimes in Springhill Lake (a rental community with a large student population) are actually not caused by students."

Right now, Buerger's latest goal is to expand the DARE program to older students. "I'd like to have a curriculum in Junior High and Middle School, but it's not within our budget right now."

He'd also like to take care of some unfinished business—completing college. Buerger is taking night classes at University College. "Funny enough, I'm still a junior, majoring in Speech."

Does he feel busy? "I always feel overworked and underpaid. But my wife knows I always want to take on new projects and things. I'm a workaholic. I can't just sit and twiddle my thumbs."

G.W.U. Program Starts at Goddard

The George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science has signed an agreement with the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) to develop a joint educational and research program in space systems at the GSFC in Greenbelt.

The collaboration enables the University to conduct analytical and experimental research in space technology.

"NASA recognizes the need to reduce human exposure to the dangers of going into space, particularly after the Challenger accident," says Bruce Kramer, GW professor of engineering and the NASA-Goddard/GW project technical director. "Few universities are equipped with the massive facilities needed to do research in robotics. The NASA-Goddard project will enable us to perform the research activities required."

Technologies to be studied include cryogenics, thermodynamics, optics, spacecraft structures and materials, space manufacturing and automation, and robotics for space satellite systems.

An added feature of the program allows NASA-Goddard employees to obtain a Master of Science in mechanical engineering degree from GW in addition to the Master of Engineering Administration (MEA) degree GW has offered at the Center since 1978.

POETRY IN THE MAKING

by Ann Pisano

Poetry, the fourth in the series hosted by "Explorations Unlimited" was a great success. Twenty-five participants had the joy of creating their own group poem about "falling leaves."

Several of the group read their own poems. Ed Cox, the workshop leader, read several poems to show different styles but mostly he read from his own published works.

Cox, a native of Washington, read with a lovely resonant voice.

In March 1989 he received a two-year sustaining grant from Chattanooga, Tenn.; the Lyndherst Prize Foundation Grant. His program is "Senior Neighbors Poetry Workshop."

Poetry, he offers, is not a mysterious combination of words or form, but merely an expression of either joy, sadness or anger in relation to any subject one wishes to put into words. After the poet finds the words, then he/she decides the order. For successful poetry, "the poem demands an openness—for the music we have yet to hear."

With Cox was one of his senior students, Helen Bryan, who herself has won the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award for Seniors and the Renaissance Poetry Award. Bryan also read, very beautifully, some of her own poems.

Greenbelt Connection Holiday Schedule

The city's dial-a-ride service, the Greeenbelt Connection, will only operate from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1989. The Greenbelt Connection WILL NOT OPERATE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1989.

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New Challenger Center in Lanham Offers Students Space Experience

by Allegra Tasaki

For the sixth graders from Calverton Elementary, a "Rendezvous with Comet Halley" was the mission at the Challenger Center located in at the Howard B. Owens Science Center in Lanham. Run by the Prince Georges County School system, the Center is aimed at educating fifth and sixth graders about space operations.

"We also have a teacher training program for the fifth grade teachers; we have established a training procedure which is preflight so that they have instructions as to what they (the students) are going to do, and by the end of November, we will have invited every fifth grade teacher in the Prince Georges County public school system to come to the program," said Winnie Wooley, director of the Owens Science Center.

On Monday, the sixth graders' task was to intercept the comet, (supposed to arrive in the year 2061) and analyze the contents of the tail and collect data and samples for research on comets.

The Challenger Center consists of two stations, simulated to look like real NASA stations; Mission Control located on earth and the Space Station, a simulator "traveling" toward the moon. Each station accommodates eight teams of two students working with computers to complete the team tasks. The students get a chance to experience each station for about one hour.

"The stations can accommodate 38 students, half in mission control, and half in the simulator, and each team has a counterpart in the other station. I think what this will do for students is allow them to really develop an agenda for controllers and let them really see the key role that they play," said Wooley.

There are different teams for different tasks: Robotics, Life Support Engineers, Probe Construction Team, Medical Team, Remote Team, Command Crew, Navigator Pilots, and Data Relay Crews.

"The Mission Status Monitor shows where a particular team is working during the mission, so you can look at it and tell where the teams are," Wooley said.

The Robotics team handles the testing of levels of radioactive material in "dangerous" substances with a remote controlled arm, while the Life Support Engineers monitor the air, water and thermal conditions in the space station, and make needed repairs.

The Probe Construction Team puts together a probe, that is used in the close investigation of the comet, and the Medical Team measures the vital signs of the crew members.

The Remote Team operates the robot farmers which cultivate crops in the space station greenhouses for the food needed to survive out in space, and the Command Crew is responsible for communications with Mission Control.

The Navigator Pilots steer the space station toward the comet, while the Data Relay Crews request information from Mission Control on a data display screen, and monitor the data being received from space station cameras.

"I like doing experiments and things best. I like working the robot," said Jameial Willis, a sixth grader from Calverton Elementary.

A member of the Challenger Center staff serves as Mission Commander for each station. The Commanders work with the students in operating the computers and completing their team's individual tasks.

The sixth graders' communications between Mission Control and the space station simulator sound a lot like a NASA operation:

"SIMCOM to CAPCOM, I have a message for the Med team."

"CAPCOM to SIMCOM, we are ready to receive your message."

"Med team, do you read our test?"

"Yes, we have read your test."

Although the Center is operational, it is still in the testing phase, and sixth graders like these will help work out some of the "bugs" in the programs. Initially the project had targeted fifth graders in Prince Georges County public schools, and will do so in the future, but for now, the development of the programs is conducted with sixth graders like those from Calverton Elementary.

The Challenger Center went operational on June 17, with a simulation called "Return to the Moon", in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Apollo XI, with a reenactment of the landing on the moon.

The Center in Lanham was linked by satellite to Mission Control at the Challenger Center in Houston, where students were joined by the original mission controllers of the Apollo XI mission for the grand opening ceremony.

The Challenger program, a memorial to the seven astronauts, was conceived by their families shortly after the Challenger tragedy. With its state-of-the-art resources and curriculum, the Center opens up a new, positive way of learning.

The students "can see the difference in every component, and they have to realize that all of these components have to be considered in terms of space travel so that even though they are only one component in the entire set-up, that is a key role and a vital role to the mission. So they begin to focus on space travel and all of the components. I think all too often we focus on the astronauts and not the controllers at all, we just know that they are there and are keeping track of things," said Wooley.

Along with the Centers located in Lanham and Houston, there will be future Centers in Tampa, Florida, New Orleans, Boston, and Richmond, besides others scattered all over the United States. There are even two international Centers planned for Alberta, Canada, and Northern Ireland. Headquarters is located in Alexandria, Virginia, and the regional office is in Houston.

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SHL Children Compete In RIF Poster Contest

Springhill Lake Elementary School children are preparing artwork on the joy of reading for the fifth annual Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) National Poster Contest.

One poster from the school will be selected to compete against entries from RIF projects nationwide. The National Poster Contest encourages children to read for pleasure. Last year, RIF's National Poster Contest attracted more than 450,000 participants. Every participant will receive a certificate of merit and artwork created by children's author Tommie dePaola.

Once local winners are determined, winning entries will be sent to Washington, D.C. for a final competition, where the national winner and eight runners-up will be selected.

Reading is Fundamental is a nationwide, nonprofit organization that inspires children to read by offering motivational activities and books that children can select to keep — and own — at no cost to them or their families. Over the past 23 years RIF has distributed more than 93 million books to youngsters.

Taxpayers Owed Money

The Internal Revenue Service and the Maryland State Comptroller's Office are trying to locate area residents owed tax refunds. The following are advised to contact the state of Maryland at (301)974-3701: Linda Butler, Brian E. Clare, David E. Curry, Don C. Flora, Peter W. Hutcheson, Joyce E. Lesser, Judith A. Pinckney, Harold W. Price, Charles W. Shifflett, and Thomas L. Wilson. Additionally John E. Coker, William E. Dawson, Wayne J. Gibson, Harold Grapes, Jr., Sarah L. Hudson, Nayer Roughani, John A. Snowden, Alfred Thompson, Jon P. Trainum, Teresa M. Usher, and Erik Van Der Kiok are advised to contact the IRS at 488-3100.

Co-op Is Declared Financially Sound

by Dorrie Bates

Members and friends present at the 6th Annual Meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc. on Oct. 28 re-elected two incumbents to the Board of Directors, nibbled on some deliciously healthy food and heard a variety of reports, all leading to the inescapable conclusion that their co-op is in excellent shape. 1989 saw sales at the cooperatively owned gas station and supermarket total over $7 million dollars; members' patronage refunds equalled $98,710, a 14% increase over the previous year. The co-op has no long-term debt as its original loan was paid off in 1987.

Because of the co-op's solid financial standing, Treasurer Joe Timer reported that the Board of Directors had decided that 50% of this year's patronage refund would be distributed to members in cash vouchers. These vouchers, to be mailed out in December, represent a percentage of the member's total purchases at the store, the pharmacy or the service station.

Supermarket Manager Bob Davis announced in his report that the store had met or surpassed all of its budgetary goals. Sales averaged approximately $114,000 a week, an increase of 13.6%. Several in-store projects have been completed in the past year including the installation of new shelving and the replacement of old meat cases and freezers.

Looking to the future, Davis noted that the pharmacy will be getting a new computer to better serve its customers and facilitate accounting procedures. He also unveiled the new biodegradable grocery sack, complete with logo, that the store will be using.

Dave Meadows, Service Station Manager, continued the good news. Business at the service station was up 5.4% in the past year. Recent improvements to the facilities include a new lift and up-dated diagnostic equipment. In response to a member's question, Meadows acknowledeg that regular gas is being phased out.

Other Business

Later in the meeting Barbara Simon and local artist Ted Kliman came to the members with a request for support of a community mural project. Preliminary plans and sketches were discussed and it was agreed that a committee should be formed to pursue the idea.

Member Ben Rosenzweig reported on the activities of the Senior Housing Committee. He sketched out the history of the committee, the work it had done on senior housing, and the questionnaire which were given out on election day. There followed a great deal of discussion concerning the details of the proposed separate housing cooperative, the two sites under consideration and the suggested mechanics of financing such a housing complex.

Board member Mike Burchick, who is also head of the Nominations and Elections Committee, reported that there were no new candidates for the Board of Directors. Tom Lammons and Joe Timer, the board members whose terms had expired, had agreed to run for re-election. They were returned to office by a chorus of acclamation.

As there was no new business, the meeting was adjourned following the distribution of door prizes. $50 gift certificates were given to Myrna Burchick, Elmer Janosko and Elizabeth Pels.

Poster Competition

A $1,000 Grand Prize will be awarded to the winning entry in the Prince Georges Arts Council 1990 Poster Competition. Open to visual artists who live, work or go to school in Prince George's County, the contest features the design theme "The Arts." The wording Prince George's Arts Council 1990 must appear in the poster. Entries are to measure 20" x 30", be camera ready and use a maximum of four printed colors.

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